

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1-7, 11 and 19-21. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. The Applicant has amended claims 1-7 and 21 to direct them toward statutory subject matter. Claims 8-10 depend directly from amended independent claim 1. Support for the amendments can be found at page 9, line 4 through page 12, line 3.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 11-20. Claims 11 and 19-20 have been amended to correct non-substantive matters.

4. Prior Art Not Relied Upon

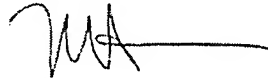
In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure. None of the cited references alone disclose, nor in combination, disclose or suggest the present invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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